

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A system using services, the system comprising: in which
an image handling apparatus; and
an external processing apparatus [[are]] connected to the image handling apparatus
through a network, wherein: said the external processing apparatus comprises comprising a
controlling part conducting that conducts at least a part of an image handling process
concerning a service by taking the place of the image handling apparatus, the external
processing apparatus sending a screen update instruction request to the image handling
apparatus during the image handling process, wherein ; and said
the image handling apparatus comprises
hardware resources including at least one of a scanner and a plotter; and
an image formation unit configured to form an image by using the hardware
resources and to be a function which is controlled by the image handling process, wherein the
function is controlled at image formation unit controls the hardware resources by a trigger of
receiving a request sent from the controlling part, and
an interface that, when the image handling apparatus receives the screen
update instruction request, sends a request to the external processing apparatus to update a
graphical interface.

16. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein
the image handling apparatus comprises a service providing part ~~allowing~~ that allows an

external control to control the ~~function~~ image formation unit, wherein the image handling process is conducted by externally controlling the ~~function~~ image formation unit.

17. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein the external processing apparatus controls the ~~function~~ image formation unit by using the service providing part based on a request received from the image handling apparatus.

18. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein the image handling apparatus comprises a requesting part ~~requesting that sends a request for~~ at least a part of the image handling process to the controlling part.

19. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein the image handling process is realized by one or more function controlling parts ~~controlling that control the function~~ image formation unit, a service providing part ~~allowing that allows~~ an external control to control the one or more function controlling ~~part parts~~, and software ~~that externally controlling controls the one or more function controlling part parts, wherein~~ and the software is implemented in the external processing ~~part~~ apparatus as at least a part of the image handling process.

20. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 18, wherein the requesting part includes an executing part ~~capable of executing that executes~~ at least a part of the image handling process.

21. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 20, wherein the requesting part requests at least the part of the image handling process to the external processing apparatus through another external processing apparatus.

22. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein the image handling apparatus comprises:

a service providing part ~~capable of that~~ internally ~~controlling~~ controls the ~~function~~ image formation unit; and

a requesting part ~~controlling that controls~~ the ~~function~~ image formation unit by using the service providing part.

23. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 17, wherein the external processing apparatus controls the ~~function~~ image formation unit by using the service providing part through another external processing apparatus.

24. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein the controlling part allows a plurality of functions to cooperate with each other.

25. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 24, wherein the controlling part allows one function implemented in one image handling apparatus and another function implemented in another image handling apparatus to cooperate with each other.

26. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein one controlling part implemented in one external processing apparatus and another

controlling part implemented in another external processing apparatus ~~are cooperated~~
cooperate with each other.

27. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein a terminal apparatus comprising a requesting part ~~requesting that requests~~ at least one part of the image handling process to the controlling part is connected to the image handling process and the external processing ~~[[part]]~~ apparatus through the network.

28. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 18, wherein the external processing apparatus provides the graphical interface, which is a user interface of the controlling part, to the requesting part.

29. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 28, wherein the image handling apparatus further comprises ~~[[a]]~~ an updating part ~~requesting that requests~~ the controlling part to update the user interface.

30. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein, when the image handling apparatus and the external processing apparatus are in an offline state, the image handling apparatus reads out a file for building up the controlling part from a storage area included in the image handling apparatus, builds up the controlling part in the image handling apparatus, and controls the ~~function~~ image formation unit when a request is made to the controlling part built in the image handling apparatus.

31. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 30, wherein, while the image handling apparatus and the external processing apparatus are in an online

state, a file for building up the controlling part is transferred from the external processing apparatus to the storage area.

32. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 28, wherein, while the image handling apparatus and the external processing apparatus are in an ~~off-line~~ offline state, at least a part of the user interface of the controlling part is transferred from the external processing apparatus to a storage area, and at least the part of the user interface of the controlling part, which is read out from the storage area, is provided to the requesting part.

33. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 30, wherein, while the image handling apparatus and the external processing apparatus are in an online state, the ~~function~~ image formation unit is controlled when a request is made to the controlling part built in the external processing apparatus, and

while the image handling apparatus and the external processing apparatus are in an offline state, the ~~function~~ image formation unit is controlled when a request is made to the controlling part built in the image handling apparatus.

34. (Currently Amended) An image handling apparatus connectable to an external processing apparatus through a network, ~~[[said]]~~ the image handling apparatus comprising:
hardware resources including at least one of a scanner and a plotter;
an image formation unit configured to form an image by using the hardware resources
and to be a function which is controlled by ~~[[the]]~~ an image handling process concerning a service, wherein at least a part of the image handling process is allowed to be controlled by the external processing apparatus, which takes ~~taking~~ a place of the image handling

apparatus, and the ~~function is controlled~~ image formation unit controls the hardware resources when a request is received from the external processing apparatus; and

an interface that, when the interface receives a screen update instruction request from the external processing apparatus during the image handling process, sends a request to the external processing apparatus to update a graphical interface.

35. (Currently Amended) The image handling apparatus as claimed in claim 34, further comprising:

a service providing part ~~allowing~~ that allows an external control to control the ~~function~~ image formation unit, wherein the image handling process is conducted by externally controlling the ~~function~~ image formation unit.

36. (Currently Amended) The image handling apparatus as claimed in claim 35, further comprising:

a requesting part ~~requesting~~ that sends a request for at least a part of the image handling process to the external processing apparatus.

37. (Currently Amended) The image handling apparatus as claimed in claim 36, wherein:

the requesting part includes an identification of data ~~required~~ for the image handling process in a request and sends the request to the external processing apparatus; and

the service providing part uses data corresponding to the identification included in the request received from the external processing apparatus, and controls the ~~function~~ image formation unit.

38. (Currently Amended) An external processing apparatus connectable to an image handling apparatus through a network, ~~[[said]]~~ the external processing apparatus comprising:

a controlling part ~~controlling~~ that controls at least a part of an image handling process concerning a service by taking a place of the image handling apparatus, wherein the controlling part requests the image handling apparatus to control a function included in the image handling apparatus in which the function is controlled by the image handling process; and

an interface that sends a screen update instruction request to the image handling apparatus during the image handling process and updates a graphical interface upon a reception of a response to the screen update instruction request from the image handling apparatus by the interface.

39. (Original) The external processing apparatus as claimed in claim 38, wherein the controlling part controls the function by using a service providing part included in the image handling apparatus, the service providing part allowing an external control to control the function.

40. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium including a program product, which when executed by a computer, causes the computer to function as ~~causing~~ an external processing apparatus ~~as a computer~~ to conduct a service, the external processing apparatus being connectable to an image handling apparatus through a network, said program product comprising ~~[[the]]~~ codes for:

functioning as a controlling part for conducting at least a part of an image handling process concerning a service by taking a place of the image handling apparatus, wherein the controlling part requests the image handling apparatus to control a function implemented in

the image handling apparatus in which the function is controlled by the image handling process;

sending a screen update instruction request to the image handling apparatus during the image handling process; and

updating a graphical interface upon a reception of a response to the screen update instruction request from the image handling apparatus in response to the sending.

41. (Currently Amended) A system using services, the system comprising: in which
an information processing apparatus; and

an external processing apparatus ~~[[are]]~~ connected to ~~each other~~ the information processing apparatus through a network, ~~wherein: said~~ the external processing apparatus ~~comprises comprising~~ a controlling part ~~conducting that conducts~~ at least a part of a process concerning ~~[[to]]~~ a service by taking a place of the information processing apparatus, the external processing apparatus sending a screen update instruction request to the information processing apparatus during the process, wherein ; and said

the information processing apparatus comprises

hardware resources including at least one of a scanner and a plotter;

an image formation unit configured to form an image by using the hardware resources and to be a function which can be controlled by the process, wherein the function is controlled image formation unit controls the hardware resources when a request is received from the controlling part; and

an interface that, when the interface receives the screen update instruction request, sends a request to the external processing apparatus to update a graphical interface.

42. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 41, wherein the information processing apparatus comprises a service providing part ~~allowing that~~ allows an external control to control the ~~function~~ image formation unit, wherein the ~~function~~ image formation unit is externally controlled and the ~~function~~ image formation unit conducts the process.

43. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 42, wherein the external processing apparatus controls the ~~function~~ image formation unit by using the service providing part based on a request received from the information processing apparatus.

44. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 41, wherein the information processing apparatus comprises a requesting part ~~requesting that~~ sends a request for at least a part of the process to the controlling part.

45. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim ~~[[45]]~~ 41, wherein:

the process is realized by at least one function controlling part ~~controlling that~~ controls the ~~function~~ image formation unit, a service providing part ~~allowing that~~ allows an external control to control the at least one function controlling part, and software ~~that~~ externally controlling controls the at least one function controlling part; and

the software is implemented in the external processing apparatus as at least a part of the process.

46. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 44, wherein the requesting part comprises an executing part ~~capable of executing~~ that executes at least a part of the process.

47. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 46, wherein the requesting part requests at least ~~[[a]]~~ the part of the process to the external processing apparatus through another external processing apparatus.

48. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 41, wherein the information processing apparatus comprises:

a service providing part ~~capable of~~ that internally controlling controls the ~~function~~ image formation unit; and

a requesting part ~~controlling~~ that controls the ~~function~~ image formation unit by using the service providing part.

49. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 43, wherein the external processing apparatus controls the ~~function~~ image formation unit by using the service providing part through another external processing apparatus.

50. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 41, wherein the controlling part controls a plurality of ~~[[the]]~~ functions to ~~be-cooperated~~ cooperate with each other.

51. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using services~~ as claimed in claim 50, wherein the controlling part controls one function of one information processing apparatus and

another function of another information processing apparatus to ~~be-cooperated~~ cooperate with each other.

52. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using-services~~ as claimed in claim 41, wherein one controlling part of one external processing apparatus and another controlling part of another external processing apparatus are controlled to ~~be-cooperated~~ cooperate with each other.

53. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using-services~~ as claimed in claim 41, wherein a terminal apparatus including a requesting part ~~requesting~~ that requests at least a part of the process to the controlling part is connected to the information processing apparatus and the external processing apparatus through the network.

54. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using-services~~ as claimed in claim 44, wherein the external processing apparatus sends the graphical interface, which is a user interface of the controlling part, to the requesting part.

55. (Currently Amended) The system ~~using-services~~ as claimed in claim 54, wherein the information processing apparatus further comprises an updating part ~~requesting~~ that requests an update of the user interface to the controlling part.

56. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus connectable to an external processing apparatus through a network, ~~[[said]]~~ the information processing apparatus comprising:

hardware resources including at least one of a scanner and a plotter;

an image formation unit configured to form an image by using the hardware resources
and to be a function controlled by a process concerning a service, wherein at least a part of
the process is allowed to be conducted by the external processing apparatus, instead of the
information processing apparatus itself, and the ~~function is controlled~~ image formation unit
controls the hardware resources when a request is received from the external processing
apparatus; and

an interface that, when the interface receives a screen update instruction request from
the external processing apparatus during the process, sends a request to the external
processing apparatus to update a graphical interface.

57. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim
56, further comprising:

a service providing part ~~allowing~~ that allows an external control to control the
~~function~~ image formation unit, wherein the ~~function~~ image formation unit is externally
controlled and the process is conducted.

58. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim
57, further comprising:

a requesting part ~~requesting~~ that sends a request for at least a part of the process to the
external processing apparatus.

59. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim
58, wherein:

the requesting part includes an identification of data ~~required to~~ for the process ~~[[to]]~~
in a request, and sends the request to the external processing apparatus; and

the service providing part uses data corresponding to the identification included in the request received from the external processing apparatus, wherein the ~~function~~ image formation unit is controlled.

60. (Currently Amended) An external processing apparatus connectable to an information apparatus through a network, the external processing apparatus comprising:

a controlling part ~~conducting~~ that conducts at least a part of a process concerning a service by taking a place of the information processing apparatus, wherein the controlling part requests to the information processing apparatus to control a function of the information processing apparatus, in which the function is controlled by the process; and

an interface that sends a screen update instruction request to the information processing apparatus during the process and updates a graphical interface upon a reception of a response to the screen update instruction request from the information processing apparatus by the interface.

61. (Currently Amended) The external processing apparatus as claimed in claim 60, wherein the controlling part controls the function by using a service providing part included in the information processing ~~[[part]]~~ apparatus in which the service providing part can externally control the function.

62. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium including a program product, which when executed by a computer, causes the computer to function as ~~causing~~ an external processing apparatus ~~as a computer~~ to conduct a service, the external processing apparatus being connectable to an information processing apparatus through a network, said program product comprising ~~[[the]]~~ codes for:

functioning as a controlling part for conducting at least a part of a process concerning a service by taking a place of the information processing apparatus, wherein the controlling part requests the information processing apparatus to control a function implemented in the information processing apparatus in which the function is controlled by the process;

sending a screen update instruction request to the information processing apparatus during the process; and

updating a graphical interface upon a reception of a response to the screen update instruction request from the information processing apparatus in response to the sending.